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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:

U.S. Application of:

Masahito NIIKAWA and Hiroaki KUBO
DRIVING DEVICE AND INFORMATION
PROCESSING DEVICE FOR A DATA STORAGE
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This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated January 14, 2003 which provides for a response period ending April 14, 2003.